

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the use of coin-operated  
2 Pool Tables, Billiard Tables, in unincorporated  
3 King County which are maintained commercially as  
4 attraction or stimulant to trade or patronage  
5 in connection with any other line of business.  
6 Setting forth fees for owners and vendors, and  
7 amending Resolution No. 9549 and K.C.C. Chapter 3.52.

8 BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of King County  
9 as follows:

10 SECTION 1: No person shall own or operate a pool or  
11 billiard table on any premises, sell or distribute coin-operated  
12 pool or billiard table for the use of which a fee is charged  
13 unless a license is obtained pursuant to the terms of this  
14 Ordinance. Any license issued under the terms of this Ordinance  
15 shall apply to a single location only and shall not be trans-  
16 ferable to other locations or to any person, persons or corpora-  
17 tions other than that designated on the license.

18 SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS: For the purpose of this ordinance  
19 and unless the context plainly requires otherwise the following  
20 definitions are adopted:

21 (a) A BILLIARD TABLE is a raised oblong felt covered  
22 table with raised cushioned edges, or any substantially similar  
23 device on which is played the game known as billiards or pool  
24 involving the use of a long tapering stick called a cue to pro-  
25 pel pool or billiard balls.

26 (b) A POOL TABLE is a billiard table with a pocket in  
27 each corner and at the middle of both sides; used for playing  
28 pool, the game wherein numbered balls are propelled into the  
29 pockets by persons using a cue.

30 (c) AN OPERATOR is a person who owns, operates or con-  
31 trols any pool or billiard table. An operator who owns or  
32 leases his place of business shall be allowed to own and  
33 operate his own pool tables and billiard tables upon compliance  
with this ordinance.

1 (d) A VENDOR is any person or firm or agent thereof that  
2 distributes or sells coin-operated pool tables or billiard  
3 tables.

4 (e) DIRECTOR shall mean the Director of the King County  
5 Bureau of General Services and any of his duly authorized  
6 representatives.

7 SECTION 3: POOL TABLES and BILLIARD TABLES as referred  
8 to in Section 1 may be activated by the player by the insertion  
9 of a coin into a locked coin chute device or by a device under  
10 the control of the owners or his duly appointed representative.

11 SECTION 4: LICENSE REQUIREMENTS - Each applicant for a  
12 license under the provisions of this ordinance shall complete  
13 an application prepared by the Director of the Bureau of Gen-  
14 eral Services which shall include the following information:  
15 the name and address of the applicant, and if a corporation,  
16 the names and addresses of the officers thereof; a description  
17 of the kind of activity that will be conducted under the  
18 authority of the license; complete information as requested by  
19 the Director of the Bureau of General Services concerning the  
20 ownership, and the name of business under which the activity  
21 is to be conducted; and an identification number as prescribed  
22 by the Director of each billiard or pool table to be used under  
23 the authority of the license. The identification number of  
24 each pool or billiard table shall be permanently fixed and in  
25 a place where it can be readily inspected.

26 The applicant shall declare any convictions of any laws  
27 relating to gambling or involving moral turpitude in which an  
28 intent to defraud was an element of the crime or of any law  
29 or ordinance relating to the use, sale or possession of nar-  
30 cotic or dangerous drugs or any substances controlled by the  
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1 Washington State Board of Pharmacy, or any other such infor-  
2 mation the Director of the Bureau of General Services may re-  
3 quire which is reasonably necessary to aid in the enforcement  
4 of this ordinance.

5 All applicants must comply with building, planning, zoning  
6 and fire codes of King County and with any rules or regulations  
7 set forth by the State of Washington Liquor Control Board and  
8 all applicable consumer protection laws and must conform to  
9 R.C.W. 26.28.080 and a showing of compliance with these regu-  
10 lations shall be required, where applicable, before a license  
11 under this ordinance shall be issued, and violation thereof  
12 may be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

13 SECTION 5: LICENSE FEES

14 A. For pool tables and billiard tables operating in a  
15 business establishment, the following fees shall apply:

- 16 1. For the first table \$100.00  
17 2. For the second table 50.00  
18 3. All additional tables - each 25.00

19 All licenses shall expire one year from the date of  
20 issuance.

21 B. That any person purchasing a coin operated pool table  
22 must show by receipt, bill of sale or contract or letter that  
23 said table was purchased from a licensed vendor before a license  
24 shall be issued to him.

25 SECTION 6: VENDOR

26 A vendor may sell coin-operated pool or billiard tables to  
27 any establishment mentioned in this ordinance. Said vendor  
28 must pay an annual license fee of \$100.00 from date of issuance  
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1 of license and provide a bond of \$2,000.00, and meet the same  
2 qualifications as provided in Section 4.

3 SECTION 7: ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

4 The Director is hereby authorized to make and enforce  
5 rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of  
6 this Ordinance, and it shall be unlawful to violate or not to  
7 comply with any of said rules and regulations. All of such  
8 rules and regulations as promulgated by the Director from time  
9 to time shall be reduced to writing and mailed to each licensee  
10 for his information and for distribution thereof unto his  
11 employees.

12 The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce  
13 the terms and provisions of this Ordinance. If it is determined  
14 that any licensee has violated or failed to comply with any  
15 provision of this Ordinance, then the enforcement officer shall  
16 make a written record of such findings, specifying therein the  
17 particulars of any such violation and thereupon the license of  
18 any such licensee may be suspended or revoked for a period to  
19 be fixed by the Director, in which event the license shall be  
20 surrendered unto the Director. In case of revocation, such  
21 license shall be cancelled, and in case of suspension, the  
22 license shall be returned unto the licensee after expiration  
23 of the period of suspension; provided however, such revocation  
24 for violation of any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall  
25 not relieve the licensee of the penalties otherwise provided  
26 for in this Ordinance.

27 SECTION 8: APPEAL OF ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR:

28 The King County Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction  
29 to hear appeals from the following orders of the Director:

30 A. Denial of a license.

31 B. Suspensions or revocations of licenses issued under  
32 provisions of this Ordinance.

33 The aggrieved party shall have the right to appeal the afore-

1 mentioned orders of the Director by giving a written notice  
2 thereof within five (5) days after the entry of the order  
3 appealed from. The notice of appeal shall specify an address  
4 at which the appellant may be given notice of hearing on the  
5 appeal. After the filing of such appeal, the King County  
6 Board of Appeals shall set a time and place, not more than  
7 thirty (30) days from such notice of appeal for hearing thereon.  
8 At the hearing the appellant shall be entitled to appear in  
9 person and be represented by counsel and offer such evidence  
10 pertinent and material to the action of the Director. Upon  
11 filing of notice of such appeal, the Director shall immediately  
12 submit unto the King County Board of Appeals, such records,  
13 dates, reports and information as he may have in his possession  
14 supporting his order. Immediately after such hearing, the King  
15 County Board of Appeals shall determine whether the order shall  
16 be sustained, and its action in that respect shall be final and  
17 conclusive in all respects. From the time of filing the written  
18 notice of appeal by the licensee and until the hearing and  
19 action thereon by the King County Board of Appeals, the order  
20 of the Director shall be stayed.

21 SECTION 9: VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

22 Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the  
23 provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a mis-  
24 demeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine  
25 in any sum not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) or by  
26 imprisonment in the County Jail for a period not exceeding  
27 ninety (90) days.

28 SECTION 10: PARTIAL INVALIDITY

29 If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause,  
30 or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be un-  
31 constitutional or void, such decision shall not effect the  
32 validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.  
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PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1972.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary J. Owen  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lee Kraft  
Administrator-Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1972

John R. Spelman  
County Executive